



Washwood Heath
Academy
SIXTH FORM



**your future
starts here**

Welcome

We are very proud of our Sixth Form and the achievements of all of our students. Whether you are already studying at Washwood Heath Academy or whether you are considering joining us for the first time in Year 12, we are committed to supporting your success and giving you every chance to achieve your ambitions. It is a recipe of academic excellence, individual support, a strong community and the provision of enriching activities that makes our Sixth Form such an outstanding place to learn and study.

From A-Levels to Apprenticeships, we offer a broad range of courses and as you take steps into the next part of your life, the Sixth Form team are here to help you along the way and guide you as you make these important decisions.

All Sixth Form students participate in at least one enrichment activity each year to help them on their journey to becoming well rounded, confident adults. Choices include the highly respected Duke of Edinburgh Award, finance and teaching as well as careers workshops.

At Washwood Heath Academy, the Sixth Form is very much a core part of school life, shown by the contribution made by the Sixth Formers to the development and welfare of hundreds of lower school students. You will have opportunities to be involved in mentoring, leadership programmes and the delivery of sessions, all of which will put you a step ahead when making your university applications or getting started on the career ladder. Younger students do look up to our Sixth Formers so we trust you to become excellent role models and “Leaders of Learning” within the academy.

Our Sixth Form is friendly, welcoming and purposeful. By encouraging hard work and a constructive contribution to the running of the school, we believe you will find an adult atmosphere in which freedom and responsibility are evenly balanced. I very much hope that this prospectus gives you a flavour of what our Sixth Form has to offer and I hope you will choose to become a part of it.

Gemma Barlow
Head of Sixth Form







A personal approach

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“I FEEL LIKE MY TUTORS REALLY KNOW ME. THEY SPEND A LOT OF TIME HELPING ME AND NOTHING EVER SEEMS TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR THEM. THE SIXTH FORM HAS A FAMILY ATMOSPHERE WHERE I FEEL SUPPORTED AND CONFIDENT THAT I CAN SUCCEED.”

HALIMA, YEAR 13

At Washwood Heath Academy Sixth Form, all of our students are treated as individuals. From your first day we will get to know you as a person – your strengths, your weaknesses and what your aspirations are for the future. Throughout your time in the Sixth Form they will be there to guide you – from help with your studies to discussions about your next steps, you will receive one-to-one, tailored support whenever you need it.

As well as getting to know your teachers, you will also get to know your fellow students and have the opportunity to make lifelong friends. Our facilities include a comfortable common room where you can relax and socialise, as well as a calm and airy study centre for you to focus on your work, either alone or with your classmates.



Academic Success

“THE WIDE RANGE OF COURSES MEANT I COULD STUDY EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED. MY TEACHERS HAVE BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE IN HELPING ME GET THE GRADES I NEED TO SECURE MY UNIVERSITY PLACE.”

MARIUM, YEAR 13

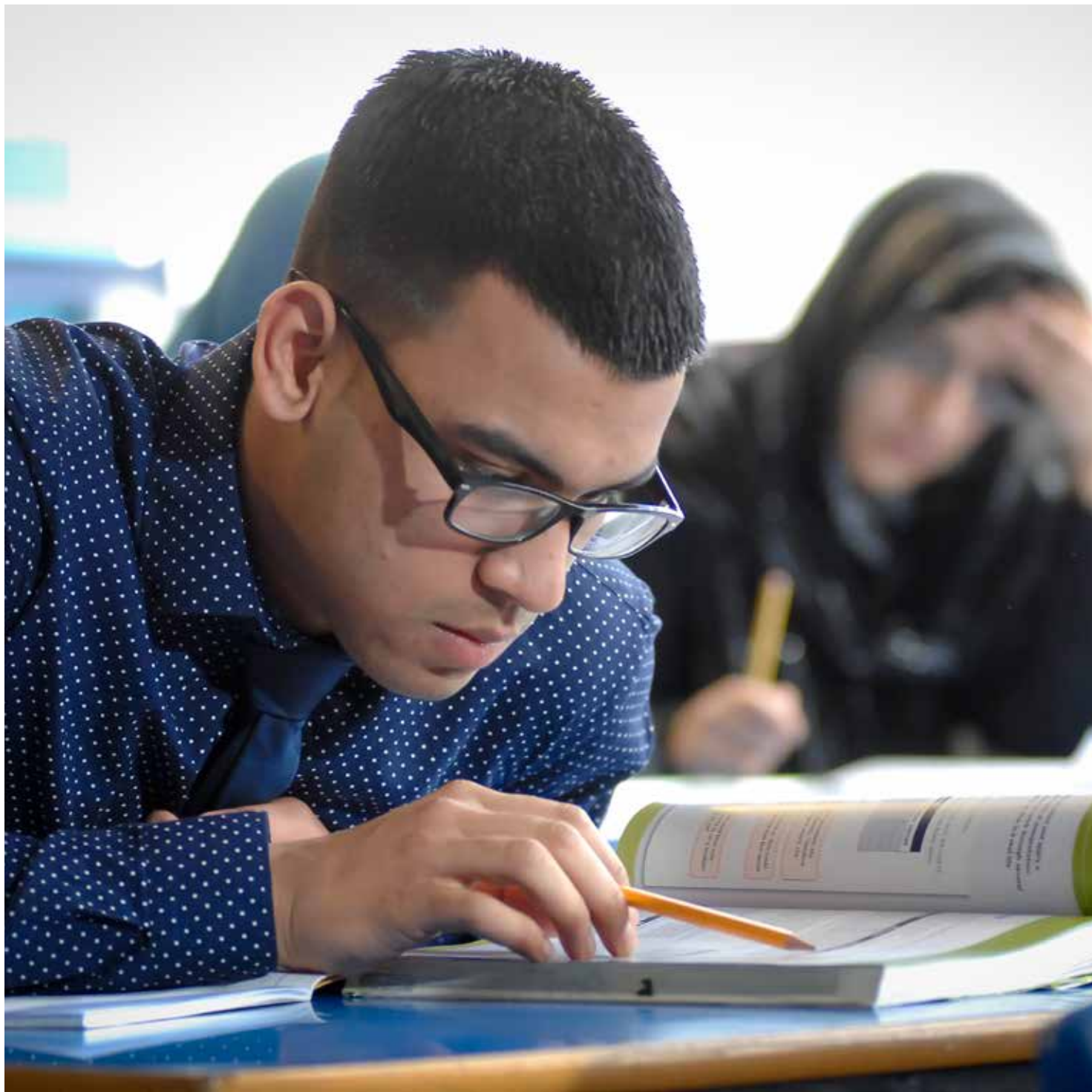
We offer a broad and continually expanding range of courses, from traditional academic subjects to creative and vocational paths. No matter what you choose to study, you will be taught by passionate and experienced staff, keen to inspire and help you to reach your potential.

We expect you to work hard but your tutors will be on hand to help you all the way through, making sure you have the tools you need to succeed. Our small teaching groups allow time for one-to-one guidance from your tutors and the opportunities to ask for help if you need it.

Examples of the courses available are:

Art and Design	Mathematics
Biology	Media
Chemistry	Photography
Duke of Edinburgh	Physics
Economics & Business	Psychology
English	Religious Studies
French	Sociology
Geography	Sport
History	Teaching Assistant
IT	Textiles







Work Experience

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“MY PLACEMENT HAS GIVEN ME A GREAT EXPERIENCE OF WHAT LIFE IS LIKE IN THE WORKPLACE AND CONFIRMED THAT THIS IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IN THE FUTURE. THE SKILLS I HAVE LEARNT WILL DEFINITELY HELP ME WHEN TRYING TO SECURE A JOB.” ANSA, YEAR 13



To succeed in today's world, you need experience to go hand in hand with your qualifications. For this reason, all of our Sixth Formers spend a day every week undertaking work experience at a placement linked to their desired field of work. We have strong links with a range of local employers who offer students some invaluable roles and opportunities.

Your placement will give you the opportunity to experience first-hand the industry sector that you are thinking of entering once you finish your studies – giving you invaluable experience for your UCAS application or CV to help you get a step ahead of the competition. The placement will also give you the skills and confidence to leave the Sixth Form as an independent, well-rounded individual ready to embark upon the world ahead of you.

6 Independent advice and guidance

“THE GUIDANCE HAS BEEN BRILLIANT - I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO THOROUGHLY EXPLORE ALL MY OPTIONS AND MY TUTORS HAVE HELPED ME PLAN CLEAR, MANAGEABLE STEPS TOWARDS MY CAREER GOALS.” SHAHID, YEAR 12

Choosing what to do once you leave the Sixth Form is a big decision, for which early consideration is essential. From when you join us in Year 12, time will be allocated throughout the year for you to explore and discuss the options that are open to you.

We have strong links with a number of universities in the midlands such as Birmingham, Aston, Coventry and Wolverhampton, to which visits are organised, giving you the opportunity to gain valuable insight into university life. You will also be invited to attend Careers and “Futures” days at the Academy to explore job opportunities, work-based training and further study routes. Whatever path you choose, your mentor will be on hand to support and guide you all the way through, helping with UCAS applications or CV and job application writing – and most importantly, helping you to achieve your goals.

Recent leavers have gone on to follow a huge range of pathways, from dentistry and law to radio presenting, accountancy, music producing and childcare.





6 course information

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